



REMARKS

We have amended the application by capitalizing all trademarks and giving short descriptions thereof in the first occurrence.

The objections under 35 U.S.C. 112 have been noted and have all been overcome. More particularly, the term "different" has been removed from claim 1. Claims 4, 15 and 28 have been canceled. With respect to the phrase "fiber type", in the amended claims, the phrase "of a first fiber type material" is intended to mean that one specific material is used, for example the weave of the upper surface includes warp and weft of yarn of the same material. Similarly, the phrase "of a second fiber type material" is intended to mean that the material used for the second weave of the bottom surface includes warp and weft of yarns of the same material but which is different from the material used in the upper surface. For example, the first fiber type material may comprise NOMEX while the second fiber type material may comprise KEVLAR.

The above explanation would seem to overcome objection 10.

In amended claim 14, the trademarks have been capitalized.

In view of the amended claims, reconsideration of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 103(a) is respectfully requested.

As will readily be realized by the Examiner, the amended claims are directed to the embodiment that is illustrated in Figure 42. More specifically we are dealing with a weave in which both surfaces predominate in warp and weft of yarns respectively of different type of fiber material. The weaves of the upper and bottom surfaces are interlaced with yarns of the same material that is used for the weave of the upper surface.

This arrangement is not even remotely suggested in Ellis, Smith or Barbeau, which do not describe an arrangement that comprises interlacing yarns of the same material as the upper surface weave to connect the upper and bottom surfaces.

We have amended the drawings in Figure 1, as suggested by the Examiner.

Favorable reconsideration of the Application as amended is respectfully requested.

APPENDIX

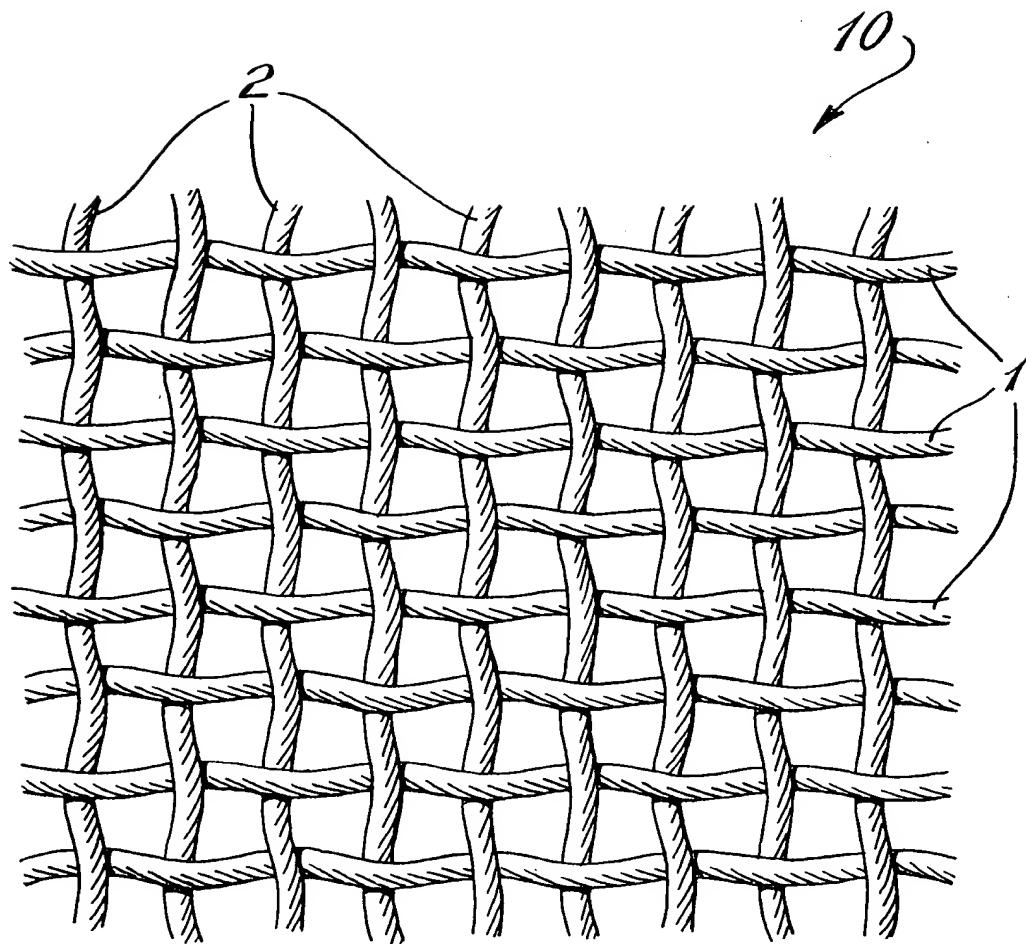


Fig. 1 Prior Art



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